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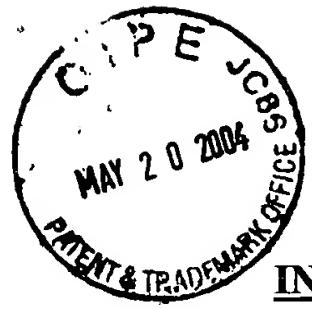
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**RESPONSE TO
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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on May 6, 2004 in the above-identified U.S. patent application. Restriction has been required between claims 1-8 (Group I) or claim 9 (Group II).

Applicant hereby elects the invention of **Group I** (claims 1-8).

Examination and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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